

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Richard Meyers, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: July 31, 2020

### **Yard of the Week**

The week the Yard of the Week is located at 720 N. "O" Street. This property is beautifully landscaped and maintained. They have built an incredible outdoor gathering space overlooking the City.

### **Playground Wood Chip Replacement**

This week City Maintenance Staff started work to replace the wood chip fall protection around the playground equipment at Stewart and Harrison Parks. They're removing the old chips, replacing the ground cloth, and spreading new fall protection chips ten inches thick. The chips are scheduled for delivery next week. Staff will also be adding wood chips around the playground equipment at Coiner, Westend, and Bohemia Parks.

### **Playground Disinfecting**

Starting Sunday Jani-King will be disinfecting all the City playground equipment and tables at all the City parks. This work is scheduled to be done once a day seven days a week from 1:00 pm. to 4:00 pm during the month of August. It is safe to be present when the disinfecting is taking place and the equipment can be used immediately following the disinfecting. Jani-King staff will ask playground users to stop playing on the equipment for several minutes during the spray disinfection process. State COVID-19 funding will be paying for the disinfecting. Disinfecting will continue until the rainy season starts.

### **New Utility Maintenance Worker**

Jason Allen started work for the City on Monday as a Maintenance Worker I for the Utility Division. He has equipment operating experience working at rock quarries and for logging companies. He also has extensive experience working in machine shops as a Machinist and supervisor. Jason is a great addition to the Utility Division crew.

### **Row River Water Treatment Plant**

Friday Pete Keenan was promoted to an Operator in Training at the Row River Water Treatment Plant. Pete has worked for the City in the Utility Division for 13 years as a Maintenance Worker. The water treatment plant team is excited to have Pete join their team and look forward to him gaining experience and becoming a certified water treatment operator.

### **City Hall Parking Lot**

The City Hall parking lot will be closed Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> to repave the areas where the storm drainage was repaired. The travel lanes through the parking lot will also be repaved as they are cracked and breaking up. City employees and citizens will need to park in the parking lot across Main Street from City Hall next to Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant.

### **Safe Routes to School & Fillmore Stormwater Outfall Project Update Week of August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Last week, Wildish finished the 10 inch sanitary sewer main installation on South 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Grant Avenue to Fillmore Avenue. The new sewer main was pressure tested and approved. This week, the crew hooked residents up to the new sanitary sewer main.

Also last week, the section of water line in the same segment was completed. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, City crews flushed the new water main as well as chlorinated the new pipe and left it set for 24 hours. The water main was flushed again and a bacterial water sample was taken. The water main passed the bacterial test. The next water main test was a pressure test. Wildish brought America Leak Detection in to assist in finding leaks. Joints were tighten. The water line can get up to pressure however, the pressure will not hold. This usually indicates there is an air pocket in the line. The water meter and backflow device for the middle school were set along with alarm system for each device.

Next week, Wildish will continue to fix the water main so it can pass the pressure test. Upon passing the pressure test, residents will be crossed over from the old water system to the new water system. During the cross over period, residents could be without water up to two hours. Wildish will be contacting each resident prior to the cross over.

The installation of the 27 inch storm drainage line continues on Fillmore Avenue. This work will continue next week as well.

Fence installation began this week around the water quality swale with the setting of the posts. This work will continue next week.

Repair of the irrigation system and ball park is nearly completed

Last week the City met with Pacific Power to resolve relocating their facilities outside of the new construction. The meeting was very productive. Next week, the City will be meeting with Charter Communications and CenturyLink to resolve their relocating issues.

Northwest Natural Gas has completed their work within the project area.

Reminder: If there are concerns, questions and/or complaints, please contact Zach Ireland or Ron Bradsby at (541) 942-3349.

### **Bloodworks Northwest in Need of Blood Donors**

Bloodworks Northwest has had to cancel over 35 mobile blood drives due to COVID-19 which represents 60% of their donations. They are in urgent need of blood and have set up Pop-Up Donor Centers to provide additional locations to donate blood. You can donate blood at one of the following locations by scheduling an appointment: [Eugene Donor Center](#) or [Pop-Up Donor Center @ Holiday Inn – Springfield](#) . They comply with all social distancing requirements, CDC and FDA guidelines, wear masks and require all donors to wear masks and sanitize all areas between donations. If you donate in August, you will be entered to win an Apple IPAD PRO.

### *Quote of the Week*

*“With the new day comes new strengths and new thoughts.”*

*~Eleanor Roosevelt~*